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MULTIPLE SUBJECT TEACHING CREDENTIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR TEACHERS PREPARED IN CALIFORNIA

A Multiple Subject Teaching Credential authorizes the holder to teach in a self-contained classroom such as the classrooms in most elementary schools. However, a teacher authorized for multiple subject instruction may be assigned to teach in any self-contained classroom (preschool, kindergarten, and grades 1 through 12, inclusive, or in classes organized primarily for adults).

Individuals must contact one of the colleges or universities listed on the reverse of this leaflet for specific program requirements. Candidates for the Multiple Subject Credential who complete their teacher preparation through a Commission-approved program in California must be recommended for the credential through their college or university credentials office. Programs will vary slightly from college to college, but all programs will include specific requirements established by the Commission. The sequence of requirements is diagrammed below, then each requirement is explained in detail. Please contact the Commission, a public school district, a county office of education, or a Commission-approved college or university for application materials.

- Bachelor's or higher degree
 Approved professional
 preparation program including
 successful student teaching
 with a minimum grade of C
 CBEST
- •U.S. Constitution
- Teaching of reading
- •Subject-matter competence (program or exam)
- Five Year Preliminary
- •5th year of study and recommendation of California IHE with Commission-approxy program
- Health educationSpecial education
- •Computer education
- Professional Clear
- The PROFESSIONAL CLEAR credential is valid for five years and may be renewed upon completion of professional growth and service requirements.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PRELIMINARY CREDENTIAL

- 1. **Education**: Completion of a baccalaureate or higher degree, except in professional education, from a regionally accredited college or university.
- Professional Teacher Preparation: Completion of a multiple subject professional teacher preparation program
 including successful student teaching, and formal recommendation for the credential by the California college or
 university where the program was completed.
- 3. **CBEST**: Passage of the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST). To pass CBEST one must obtain a minimum scaled score of 41 in each of the three sections (reading, mathematics, and writing). However, a section score as low as 37 is acceptable if the total scaled score is at least 123. See the CBEST leaflet (CL-667) for more details.
- 4. **Provisions and Principles of the U.S. Constitution**: Completion of a course (two semester units or three quarter units) in the provisions and principles of the United States Constitution <u>OR</u> passage of an examination in the subject given by a regionally accredited community college, college, or university.
- 5. **Methods of Teaching Reading**: Completion of a course in the methods of teaching reading **OR** passage (with a minimum score of 680) of the Praxis Series Subject Assessment entitled "Introduction to Teaching of Reading."
- 6. **Subject-Matter Competence**: Verification of subject-matter competency by one of two methods: (1) achieving a passing score on the Praxis Series Subject Assessment entitled "Multiple Subject Assessment for Teachers" (MSAT). Information about the MSAT, including passing scores and registration, are on the Verifying Subject Matter Competence leaflet (CL-674M) which may be obtained from the Commission, **OR** (2) completing a Commission-approved liberal arts subject-matter program or its equivalent and obtaining a verification of completion from the authorized person in the education department of a California college or university with an approved program.

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REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROFESSIONAL CLEAR CREDENTIAL

Formal Recommendation from a California College or University: In order to obtain the professional clear credential, the applicant must secure the recommendation of a California teacher preparation institution with a Commission-approved program and apply through that institution for the Professional Clear credential. California-prepared applicants may not apply directly to the Commission for the professional clear credential. The Commission advises that candidates contact one of the colleges or universities listed below for specific requirements for recommendation prior to undertaking completion of the requirements listed here to ensure that course work taken to meet these requirements is acceptable to the recommending institution. The preliminary credential is issued for a maximum of five years. If requirements for the professional clear credential are not completed before the expiration date of the preliminary, the holder will be unable to teach in the public schools of California on that credential until those requirements are met and the document renewed.

- 7. **Fifth Year of Study**: A fifth year of study consists of 30 semester units beyond the bachelor's degree in a defined field of study designed to improve the teacher's competence and skills. This fifth year course of study must be approved by a California teacher preparation institution and may be used for one or more of the following purposes:
 - (a) additional subject-matter preparation including, but not limited to, pursuit of a master's or higher degree,
 - (b) completion of an approved program for an advanced or specialized credential,
 - (c) in-service training for which college or university credit is given, or
 - (d) study undertaken to complete an approved program of professional preparation.
- 8. **Health Education**: Completion of a unit requirement in health education, including, but not limited to, nutrition, the physiological and sociological effects of abuse of alcohol, narcotics, and drugs, and the use of tobacco. This requirement must include verification of training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) which covers infant and child to adult CPR skills, plus rescue breathing and choke rescue, education risk factors, sudden cardiac arrest, and may include causes of respiratory arrest, healthy heart concept and emphasis on recognizing the symptoms of heart attack and taking action before CPR becomes necessary. CPR certification must be completed while in a teacher preparation program or while teaching on a valid credential based on a teacher education program.
- 9. **Special Education**: The study of and field experience in methods of delivering appropriate education services to students with exceptional needs in regular education programs.
- 10. **Computer Education**: Satisfactory completion of computer education course work which includes general and specialized skills in the use of computers in educational settings.

INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION WITH APPROVED TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAMS:

Bethany College of the Assemblies of God

State Universities and Colleges

California Polytechnic State University California State Polytechnic Univ. Pomona California State University Bakersfield California State University Chico California State University Dominguez Hills California State University Fresno California State University Fullerton California State University Hayward California State University Long Beach California State University Los Angeles California State University Monterey Bay California State University Northridge California State University Sacramento California State University San Bernardino California State University San Marcos California State University Stanislaus Humboldt State University San Diego State University - San Diego San Diego State University-Imperial Valley San Francisco State University San Jose State University Sonoma State University

Universities of California

University of California Berkeley University of California Davis University of California Irvine University of California Los Angeles University of California Riverside University of California San Diego University of California San Francisco University of California Santa Barbara University of California Santa Cruz

Private InstitutionsAzusa Pacific University

Biola University California Baptist College California Lutheran University Chapman University - Orange Christian Heritage College Claremont Graduate School College of Notre Dame Concordia University Dominican College of San Rafael Dominican College of San Rafael, Ukiah Campus Fresno Pacific College Holy Names College John F. Kennedy University La Sierra University Loma Linda University Loyola Marymount University Masters College, The Mills College Mount Saint Mary's College National Hispanic University National University - Sacramento National University - San Diego National University - Vista New College of California Occidental College Pacific Christian College Pacific Oaks College Pacific Union College Patten College Pepperdine - Los Angeles Pepperdine - Malibu

Point Loma Nazarene College

Private Institutions (Cont.)

Point Loma Nazarene College - Pasadena Saint Mary's College Santa Clara University Simpson College Southern California College United States International University University of LaVerne University of the Pacific University of Redlands University of San Diego University of San Francisco University of Southern California Westmont College Whittier College